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New Year's Ball
The Glades of Belle Glade will again this year sponsor a New Year's Ball on Thursday, December 31 at the Belle Glade Civic Center. The formal dress ball begins at 9 p.m. and ends at 2 a.m. and tickets are \$15 each.
See any member of the Glades for tickets or call Bobby Kendall at 996-2743.

Winter Break Camp
The Belle Glade Boys and Girls Club will be sponsoring a Winter Break Camp from Dec. 28 through Dec. 31, at the former Belle Glade Civic Center. The camp is \$10 per child and the camp runs from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.
For more information call 992-5359.

New Year's Dance
Pahokee Elks Lodge #1638 is sponsoring a New Year's Eve Dance on Thursday, Dec. 31.
The dance starts at 9 p.m. and the lodge is located at 691 East Main Street. For more information call 924-7727.

Correction
The date for the book signings of Ann O'Connell Rust's book titled "Nominie of the Everglades" were printed incorrectly in last week's paper.
Ms. Rust will be at Everglades Trading Company in Belle Glade on Thursday, Dec. 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. and on Friday, December 18 at Glades Drugs in Pahokee from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Local artist and art teacher Ann Tyler, who designed and painted the book cover, will also be at Everglades Trading Company with Ms. Rust to sign as well as sell some of her artwork.

Radio station will be broadcasting Glades Central and Pahokee games
Local radio station WSWN (FM 93.5) will be broadcasting live the Glades Central versus the Madison County Cowboys and Pahokee High's state playoffs with the Bulldogs of Jacksonville.
Glades Central's game will begin at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18 and Pahokee will play on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 10 a.m. Both games will be broadcast on WSWN.

Province Healthcare buys Glades General

By Brenda Bunting
Editor
Glades General Hospital in Belle Glade will have new owners and get a facelift after officials with the Palm Beach County Health Care District voted to sell the facility.
The HCD board voted unanimously last Wednesday at their board meeting to sign a letter of intent with Province Healthcare of Brentwood, Tenn.
Province will purchase the hospital

for \$15.2 million and promises to make immediate renovations to the existing facility and build a new hospital within five years.
"We're very pleased and excited," says Glades General Hospital Administrator Gené Faile, who says he has dealt with Province at other facilities where he worked in the past.
"There are a lot of positives here," he said. "They will be investing greatly in capital equipment and new building facilities for the future of the hospital, we will be able to add services and jobs and the hospital will become a taxpayer," he added.
Mr. Faile said with the acquisition by Province, the hospital should experience significant growth. "They're going to offer new services and modern equipment. Currently, there is an astounding amount of health care dollars going outside the area," he noted.
HCD Chief Executive Officer Cliff

Bennett said he expected the deal with Province to be closed within the next 90 days and, "a planning process will take place to determine how the current hospital can be used," after the new hospital is built.
Province owns 10 rural hospitals and manages 53 others around the country. They have committed to spend between \$20 and \$25 million to build a new hospital. They have also expressed a desire to establish a clinic in Pahokee.

Mosquito warnings continue

Residents urged to continue precautions

We're not out of the woods yet, says Jim Jolley, spokesman for the Palm Beach County Health Department. The medical alert for St. Louis Encephalitis continues for all Palm Beach County residents (especially the elderly).
Residents are urged to continue to take precautions to avoid mosquitoes at dusk to dawn hours.

Residents are reminded to keep their guard up despite the cooler temperatures and use precautions to avoid biting mosquitoes when pursuing their normal outdoor activities at dusk to dawn hours," said Mr. Jolley.
No confirmed or suspected sentinel chicken seroconversions were detected this week. This is the second consecutive week no activity has been detected in the sentinel chicken flocks, which include chickens at Canal Point. The total number of confirmed SLE positive sentinel chickens for this year remains at sixty. The recent unseasonably warm and wet weather conditions have allowed local mosquito populations to remain stable, says Mr. Jolley, but people should not let down their guard.
Florida residents and visitors can call the Department of Health's toll-free hotline for weekly updates on SLE at 1-888-880-5782. Information is available on the hotline in both English and Spanish.

Woman dies in accident

PAHOKEE - A woman died at the scene after she crossed in front of a semi at the corner of Hutton Highway and State Road 80 Monday afternoon about 2:30 p.m.
Florida Highway Patrol Trooper K.C. Ale said Ramona N. Torres, 70, of Elm Avenue, Pahokee, was southbound on Hutton Highway attempting to cross State Road 80 when her 1992 Nissan was struck by a semi driven by Luis Morales of Clewiston.
Police say Mrs. Torres' car became entangled under the cab portion of the semi and was dragged across the intersection and into a canal where the car was completely submerged. Mrs. Torres was pronounced dead at the scene. Mr. Morales was not injured in the accident.



A Tri-City effort... Employees from the cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay join together each year to sponsor the Tri-City League Barbecue at the Belle Glade Marina. The event brings dignitaries from around the state to enjoy down-home Glades hospitality. Shown are just some of the workers who toil behind the scenes to make a smooth-running event. Seated from left are the Welcome Booth Committee members, Elizabeth Ingram and Debra Palmer from Pahokee, and standing, from left are Stacie Baumgartner, Dianne Carter and Sonjia Underwood of Belle Glade and Maria Horta and Gayle Prignanano of Pahokee.



BELLE GLADE - Dreams Do Come True was the theme of First Community Bank of Palm Beach County's winning float in Saturday's Christmas Parade. See 1B for more photos.

(SUNPHOTO by Brenda Bunting)

RIGHT: Assistant City Finance Director Jimmy Beno accepts an award on behalf of Director of Finance Dave Wood for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The award, which the finance department has won for five consecutive years, is from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. Mayor D. Bill Mathis, (on right), presents the award at last week's city commission meeting.



Pahokee residents circulate petition

By Debra Miller
Staff Reporter

A large crowd attended the City of Pahokee Commission meeting Tuesday night when a resident presented a petition that has been circulating around the city asking for a "strong mayor form of government."
The petition states "the reason for a change in the charter was because we feel that by having an elected Chief of Police, we the voters can choose who will be in charge of our police force. By having a strong Mayor, the City administrator would answer to the Mayor who would answer to the voters. An appointed city clerk would insure a professional experienced individual to hold that position."

The names listed on the petition were: Scott M. Parker, Glen Carrick, Larry M. Wright, Don Kelly, Tommy Housch, Kathy Boswell, Clarence Woods, Tony Hall, Sandy Otto, Chuck Otto, Bucky Sander, Katherine McNickle, Virgie Smith Phillips, Mary Bess, Tommie Lee

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Nose cone of missing plane recovered

By TRACY WHIRLS

A team comprised of Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office investigators, Civil Air Patrol and the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission discovered a plane in Lake Okechobee Tuesday believed to be a twin-engine Cessna which had crashed into Lake Okechobee between Clewiston and Pahokee last Tuesday at about 7 p.m.

According to published reports, Civil Air Patrol pilots found the submerged aircraft with the body of one person still strapped inside at 12:40 p.m. Dec. 15 using an emergency location transmitter signal. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office said they were unable to positively identify the aircraft or pilot because of conditions on the lake and would wait until

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BELLE GLADE FIRE RESCUE installed smoke detectors in almost 250 homes this year. They still have smoke detectors available and will come install them for you. All you have to do is call 996-2032. Smoke detectors are always important, but this time of year with space heaters, Christmas lights, etc. fires are very quickly ignited. A smoke detector could save your life and the lives of those you love. Pictured above are: Front row, l-r, Lt. Doug Manger, Firefighter Scott Berkowitz, Lt. Donald Hamilton, Firefighter Robert Kong, back row, l-r, Firefighter Scott Donaldson, Driver Engineer Paul Slonaker, Administrative Assistant Lorie Crawford and Firefighter Paul Sparks.



BELLE GLADE MAYOR D. BILL MATHIS commended city workers who toiled to install the beautiful Christmas display in front of the Belle Glade Library. Shown front row, l-r are: Mayor D. Bill Mathis, Barbara Romero, Maggie Sallet, Willie Pittman, Lucinda Hood, Ralph Butts, Larry Harden, Joe Engman, Back row, l-r, Johnnie Dixon, Kenelia Collins, Arthur McCloud, Mark Cook, Rupert Bryant, Marion Sherrod. Not shown are: Frederick Wright, Willie McKenzie and Tonya Faulk.

Pahokee petition...

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Herring, Mrs. Ralph Ainsworth and Robert Self.

Several residents appeared before the commission saying they were satisfied with the current officials and would not like to see a change. "The commission and Ken (Schenck, city manager) have been very helpful and I feel we are moving forward and making progress," said Barbara Branch. "We need to join together and work together for unity in the city."

Several commission members disapproved of the charter change saying the city mayor did not have the time it would take to be a full-time mayor.

"Just getting a strong mayor is not going to bring businesses into the city," said Henry Crawford.

Only a few cities in the state have a full-time working mayor including West Palm Beach, which has Nancy Graham.

Under a strong mayor type of system the mayor would make the decisions of the city instead of the city manager. However, the de-

cision would still come before the commission. Mayor Alvis Davis said he had nothing to do with the starting of such a petition but would accept whatever the voters of his city wanted. "My biggest concern in this city is that marketing must be done to bring tourism here," said Mr. Davis. "It is like Mr. Masilotti (county commissioner) said, we have a gold mine here and we need to let people know we want them to visit us." According to the commission it will take 10 percent of the 2200 voters in Pahokee to get the petition on the May 4 ballot. Several members believe enough people will sign the ballot.

One resident said he would like to know more about a "strong mayor or sort of government and what it means." "Does that mean we have a guy who walks around with a big club?" he asked.

One resident said she would be looking over the shoulders of the petitioners to make sure that everyone who signed the petition lived in the city and were registered voters.



By Mike Lyons
WPBF-TV

I've been told that I have the best job in the world. Not because I work on TV (although television has its perks) but because my job is the only profession where I can make mistakes every day yet not get fired.

I would agree with the original premise-I do have a great job-but it's not because I can seemingly get away with mistakes. I love what I

A weatherman's perspective: it's not always sunny

do because I have a front row seat in the ever-changing world of weather. That's what makes my job so special.

Nature is awesome, full of surprises and always fascinating. And, just when I think I have a handle on things, the weather does something that makes my head spin.

And that's OK. In fact, a good slap on the side of the head is just what I need sometimes because, while I may never fully understand Mother Nature, I will never lose my respect for her.

That's because every once in a while, Mother Nature does something that is truly astonishing. Hurricane Mitch is the latest example.

I'm sure you've seen or read what Mitch did to Central America. The current death toll is staggering, estimated at more than 11,000 with thousands of others missing. That makes Mitch the deadliest Atlantic hurricane since the Great Hurricane of 1780, which killed around 22,000 people in the eastern Caribbean.

The President of Honduras, Carlos Flores Facusse, said the storm destroyed 50 years of progress. Altogether, Mitch affected more than three million people.

And, perhaps most surprising of all, Mitch did all of that as a weak tropical storm, not some huge, powerful hurricane.

Of course, at one point in his life, Mitch was a monster-a category five storm with sustained winds of 180 mph. National Hurricane Center statistics indicate Mitch is the fourth strongest hurricane ever recorded in the Atlantic basin.

And Mitch retained that status for a remarkably long period of time. Mitch was a category five hurricane for 33 consecutive hours, while producing sustained winds of 180 mph for 15 hours. It truly was an awesome display of power.

But the storm weakened before making landfall in Central America. "We didn't have a category five down there," said Jerry Jerrell, the Director of the National Hurricane Center. "It was the rain that killed those folks."

The rain that never seemed to stop Jerrell's not sure how much rain fell in Honduras and Nicaragua (no one is) but, based on satellite photographs, he came up with a pretty good estimate. "We guess that Mitch produced 50 to 75 inches of rain," he said. These numbers, while extraordinarily high, are not unreasonable considering the tropical location and the altitude of the mountainous terrain.

Hurricane Flora produced similar or even higher precipitation totals over Cuba in 1963. And Hurricane Georges dropped several feet of rain in Haiti and the Dominican Republic earlier this year.

In his 1994 book, *University of Miami professor David E. Fisher writes, "the scariest place on Earth is directly in the path of an onrushing category five hurricane."* He's right, of course, but as was the case with Hurricane Mitch, a weak storm in the wrong place at the right time can be just as deadly.

As I said, I have a great job but sometimes that front row seat is not very pretty.

Nose cone of missing plane recovered...

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the plane can be salvaged before making that determination. A Stuart salvage company was reportedly expected to pull the plane from the lake Wednesday morning.

According to Palm Beach County Sheriff's Detective David Bradford, searchers had located the front nose cone of the missing plane Dec. 13.

Detective Bradford said the nose cone was positively identified as belonging to the missing plane by the serial numbers. Searchers had been receiving signals from an Emergency Locator Device which indicated that the searchers were

within a mile of the rest of the plane, which is believed to be in the lake 2-4 miles offshore from Pahokee.

Palm Beach Civil Air Patrol Senior Squadron Commander Captain John Leone was on the plane Sunday that located parts of the downed aircraft by listening to signals from its emergency location transmitter. "I was surprised that the transmitter was still operating after being underwater so long," said Commander Leone. Sunday's search included six CAP planes and 32 volunteers from as far away as Deland and Sarasota.

According to published reports,

the missing twin-engine plane was on a training flight in Pahokee Dec. 8 when it disappeared. The Cessna 402, registered to South Pride Aviation Inc., took off from Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, and was piloted by William Henry Wokott, 42, of Coconut Creek, Kenneth Brandon Dodds, 30, of Pembroke Pines, and Tom Paul Pandel, 25, of Delray Beach.

Searchers have reportedly entered their search around an oil slick near the Clewiston Water Tower west of the Pahokee Marina.

Divers and sonar technicians were put on standby Monday waiting for conditions on the lake to im-

prove, Detective Bradford said.

"There are four-six foot waves on the lake and the sonar can't give accurate readings in waves more than 1-3 feet deep," Detective Bradford said, adding that divers won't be sent in until the plane's exact location is pinpointed.

Detective Bradford said the Hendry and Glades County Sheriff's Offices have been assisting in the search by boat and air, and he has asked the two departments to continue to search the southwest shoreline of the lake looking for any debris which may be moved ashore from the crash by the high wave action.

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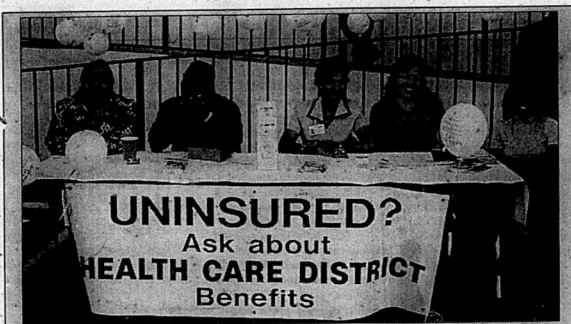
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Palm Beach County Health Care District employees Paulina Luna, Louis Desamour, Eleanor, Sandra Vazquez and Perethiura A. Baker manned an information table at the District's Grand Opening on December 10 of its expanded offices at 1500A NW Avenue L in Belle Glade.

"Lite", "Low-fat", and all that



By Katrina Elksen,
Contributing Editor

Health-conscious shoppers are faced with a confusing array of products that claim to be "lite" or "reduced-fat." However, some of these products contain more fat than some other products that don't even claim to be "lite."

"Low-fat" items may be high in calories. "Reduced calorie" items may be high in sodium. Trying to decipher the labels can turn a trip to the grocery store into a nightmare.

The American Heart Association has come to the rescue with their own food certification program. The goal of this program is to provide consumers with a quick and easy way to identify foods that can be part of a healthful eating plan.

All foods displaying the heart-check logo are evaluated to ensure they meet the standards set by the American Heart Association.

To be certified, a product must meet nutritional levels set by the Food and Drug Administration. A single serving of the food must be:

- * Low fat (less than or equal to 3 grams)
- * Low saturated fat (less than or equal to 1 gram); and,
- * Low cholesterol (less than or equal to 20 milligrams).

The food must also have a sodium content of less than and equal to 480 milligrams. And the food must contain at least 10 percent of the recommended daily value for one or more of the following nutrients: protein, Vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium, iron or dietary fiber.

There are hundreds of products which have qualified for the heart-check mark. These products are widely available in supermarkets all over the United States.

The AHA food certification program is meant to be used as part of a guideline for choosing healthy foods. It's designed to help shoppers make healthy choices, but it can't do the whole

job. It's still up to you to make sure you get the right mix of vegetables, fruit, protein, whole grains and dairy products. You should still read the labels to determine ingredients and calorie content. Those with sensitivities to food dyes or other chemical additives will still have to read the fine print on the labels because the food certification program does not address this problem.

There's one section of the supermarket where you won't find products with heart-checks, yet that is the area the American Heart Association encourages you to frequent. It's the produce section. Fresh fruits and vegetables are an important part of a healthy diet. Fruits and vegetables are naturally cholesterol-free. That's because cholesterol is another word for animal fat.

As always, before making any change in diet, check with your physician. This is especially important for those who are under a doctor's care or are taking prescription drugs. Certain foods that otherwise are considered healthy may have adverse effects if consumed with certain prescription drugs.

The American Heart Association has also written cookbooks with recipes suggested for "heart smart" meals. The following recipe for Thai Chicken with basil and vegetables comes from the American Heart Association's Low-Fat, Low-Cholesterol Cookbook.

Ingredients:

Sauce:

- 2 tablespoons low-sodium chicken broth or water

- 2 tablespoons fish sauce (available in foreign food sections of supermarkets)
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon reduced-sodium soy sauce

Other:

- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, all visible fat removed
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil (use olive or sesame oil)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 serrano pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 2 carrots, cut into thin strips
- 4 green onions, cut into one-inch pieces
- 1/4 cup firmly packed fresh basil leaves
- 2 cups cooked rice, jasmine preferred

In a small bowl, combine sauce ingredients, set aside. Rinse chicken breasts and pat dry with paper towels. Thinly slice breasts. Set aside. Heat a wok or large skillet over medium-high heat. Add oil and swirl to cover bottom of wok. Add garlic and serrano pepper. Cook for 10 to 15 seconds. Add chicken and stir-fry for three to four minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink in the center. Add broccoli, carrots and green onions and stir-fry for two to three minutes or until vegetables are tender-crisp. Add the reserved sauce mixture and basil leaves. Stir-fry for one minute or until moisture is warmed through. Serve over cooked rice.

This recipe serves four. Calories per serving: 290.

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(NAPSA)-Your local grocery store has a new weapon in your ongoing battle to keep your family healthy. New household cleaning products, as well as hand and body soaps, are touting that they are "antibacterial" and "tough on germs."

It sounds like a good idea, but could these products be doing more harm than good? Are they really necessary?

Pathologists, doctors who treat patients through laboratory medicine, are concerned that these increasingly popular products may cause long-term problems.

By killing weaker strains of bacteria, we unwittingly may cre-

ate an environment in which stronger, more resistant germs can flourish and pose a threat to our health.

In addition, antibacterial cleansers don't kill viruses and viruses are often what make our families sick with colds or the flu.

Simple, traditional remedies may be all that you need to keep your family healthy and free from food-borne and other illnesses.

A bleach-and-water solution is sufficient for a thorough cleaning of countertops and cutting boards, and carefully washing with soap and water eliminates germs from hands.

Germs can thrive in sponges and dishcloths, so be sure to clean them often.

You can soak a sponge in a bleach-and-water solution or run it through the dishwasher.

Pathologists tell us the biggest threat to food safety is cross-contamination, when juices from raw meats or eggs run into other foods that are not cooked, like

bread and salads. Any bacteria in meats is killed by cooking.

To prevent tainting your meals and making your family sick with food-borne illnesses, be sure to thoroughly wash countertops, cutting boards, and utensils between the different steps in meal preparation, and use clean dishes and utensils to serve cooked meat.

Don't use the same platter to carry cooked meat to the table that you used for the raw meat.

It's also important for food handlers to wash their hands thoroughly to prevent cross-contamination, and for children to wash their hands before they eat.

Pathologists say that a great way to make sure your kids spend enough time washing their hands is to have them say their ABCs while they scrub.

For more information about hand washing and the use of antibacterial soaps and cleansers, call the College of American Pathologists at 800-LAB-5678.

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TARGETED POPULATION: Palm Beach County youth, ages 11-17.

WHEN: A proposal workshop will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2 p.m. at the American Lung Association, 2701 N. Australian Ave., West Palm Beach. Application packets may be picked up at that time.

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Complaints about mayor

"Hello. I am a very concerned citizen in Pahokee who is concerned about our city. I would just like to know why we can't come together as one big, happy family.

Since day one, Mayor Alvis Davis has been against the clear, white lights we are putting up throughout the city, saying that it is discrimination. But if you go down in most of the black neighborhood you will see they are mostly using the clear lights down there too.

We need to come together as one, beginning with the mayor, who is the leader of our city. Some are complaining about the clear lights, others are complaining about the signs. The lights didn't cost the city anything. The new signs didn't cost the city anything. The young people at CYO are doing this.

What can we do to please our people in our community?

Please citizens, get on a roll and come together for our city. Let's get on the Lord's side. Don't let the devil tear our city apart.

Our mayor has a petition going around saying he wants more power than our city manager. Now, that is another issue, I understand, but to have more power than the city manager is wrong. He might not be doing this (the petition) himself, but he has friends who are so weak and gullible they are doing this for him.

There are so many things I could say, but space does not allow, but we are going downhill because of our leadership, and I mean our mayor. You need to sit in on some of our commission meetings to really get an impact on what he is doing to our city.

We need to come together as Christian people, as good people, to do what's right for our city.

And mayor, quit trying to destroy our city. Get on the job and do what is best for our city, not what is best for Alvis Davis.

Pahokee Mayor Alvis Davis responds: "I would like to respond to the unfounded allegations made in this week's Speak Out by an unknown writer.

After being approached by many citizens expressing their desires concerning the Christmas lights, I decided to take a poll. Nearly three to one, the vote was for multi-colored lights. I also wanted lights on South Lake and Rardin Avenues. This has finally happened. A democratic vote for the clear lights settled the issue for me.

The author says I am the leader of Pahokee. The author then says the city manager has more power, but says the City is going downhill. Who is to blame? The author can't have it both ways. Citizens of Pahokee think about it. The commission only meets twice a month.

I only have one vote. It takes three votes to pass anything. I have never voted to benefit myself, only to benefit Pahokee. I have not created problems. I inherited them from past administrations.

The author says, "Let's get on the Lord's side." The author must not at present be on the Lord's side.

The author says, "Don't let the devil tear our community apart." The author must know the devil intimately. I know the Lord through the saving grace of my Savior Jesus Christ.

Pahokee is going downhill because of the collapsing tax base. The powers that be want to keep Pahokee a socio-economic labor camp. Until this mentality is broken, Pahokee will never progress. Pahokee must be marketed. Tourism must be tapped.

The author intimates that I am destroying the City, but does not say how. This is a baseless allegation.

I am not circulating a petition. Others may be. This their constitutional right. Government can only be changed by the voters. Is the author afraid of democracy?

I have refused every allegation the author has made. It is sad that these allegations are made without any supportable facts, just a lot to do about nothing.

Unknown author, come out of the darkness of evil and sign your name.

I have an open door policy and would encourage the unknown writer as well as all of the citizens with comments, concerns or ideas to contact me personally. I would also encourage the citizens to come out to the commission meetings.

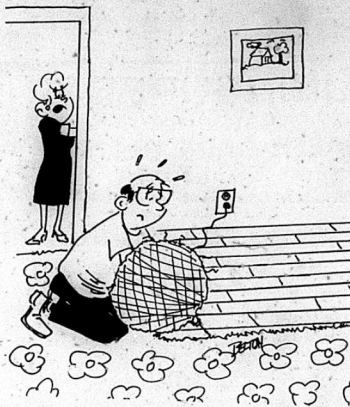
In the Spirit of Christmas, I would like to wish the author and the World a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May God bless and keep you."

Comments on Belle Glade's new city manager

"On the problem with the city manager of Belle Glade, I think that this person should have to live in Belle Glade. An outsider will not have the city's interests at heart, so if they're going to be our new city manager they need to live in our city, care for our city and work hard for it.

Thank you."
Editor's note: It has always been in the city manager's contract that they must reside in the city. Hopefully, a new city manager will not just give lip service to that requirement by having an apartment in the area while his main residence is elsewhere. City Attorney Charles Schoech is negotiating with the city commission's top three choices and we hope

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Letters to the Editor

Community needs to work together in Pahokee

Dear Editor:

In the past few weeks there have been Speak Out calls and letters to your paper that have both praised and berated various city officials and citizens in the town of Pahokee. I would like to thank you for being a welcome part of our community. You are the only truly local news source that we have, so you are saddled with the very daunting task of processing citizens' comments while trying to be fair...and you usually succeed.

This is the time of year when we are all so busy and torn in so many directions that we just do not take the time to notice and/or praise the efforts of our leaders. The people who we have elected and hired to "take care of things" for us are largely taken for granted and ignored or blasted for what we perceive as their failures. I have always tried to approach tasks in my life with the attitude that if you at least try, you have not failed.

There are many negative comments about Pahokee and it is so easy to complain while sitting on our collective rear ends and spouting mispruthe and what ifs. It is human nature to want to create a better future for our families and within this desire to make our lives better we must dwell on the need to go beyond our own homes and backyards when seeking improvements. The process of improvement must be expanded to encompass our community, not just our city. A city is just a collection of buildings, roads, canals, sewers, electric and phone lines, vacant lots, weeds, and condemned buildings. It takes pride, love, forgiveness, hard work, and understanding to make a community out of a city.

Pahokee used to be a community and it is on

the way to becoming just that once again, but a community, by definition and by necessity, can only operate successfully if the word together really means together.

Our community has been held back over the past 10 or 12 years by poor management and good old boy politics. These people succeeded because they acted and stuck together. They have forced their plans on the rest of us simply to keep Pahokee as their own private work camp. It is time to rid Pahokee of the shackles of negative growth created by greed and control.

Last May we elected a new mayor and a new commissioner. This coming May we will replace another commissioner. It is time for change in Pahokee and that change has started. We have a mayor who cares about Pahokee and its people. All of its people, not just some, but all. He has already enlisted the help of his fellow commissioners and citizens to accomplish change. For example, we are in the process of adding 33 new revenue-producing campsites on the lake front. The eyesores that dominated the view at the marina are now gone. Employees were given long-overdue bonuses. The process has been started to expand the area Pahokee controls on the lake front and new marina facilities are being added. A real street sweeper/vacuum has been ordered to help clean up the filth that is in Pahokee.

I suppose what I am trying to say here is thank you to Mayor Alvis Davis and the commissioners for starting the relieving of Pahokee. Thank you for solving some of our problems. Thank you for trying.

We must all try if we are to become a community. If not, Pahokee will be just another city.

Larry M. Wright
Pahokee

Habitat enhancement projects revitalize the Snail Kite habitat

By Herb Allen

Division of Fisheries
Tallahassee

Lake drawdowns have been proven to be beneficial for sediment reduction, desirable plant life, game fish abundance, angler success rates and overall water quality.

Studies now conclude that extreme drawdowns and habitat enhancement projects also afford long-range blessings for the rare and endangered snail kite, according to veteran Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission biologist, Jon Bunt of Kissimmee.

Snail kites which feed almost exclusively on apple snails, have the highest ratio of nest failures (66%) in birdland. They usually construct nests in burrush and cattail communities, although some will nest in scrubs and in such trees as bald and pond cypress, Brazilian pepper, punk and wax myrtle. In all instances, however, the nest will be over water in order to deter predators.

During high or low water fluctuation periods, nests constructed in burrush and cattails often collapse into the water for lack of structural support.

Apple snails commonly adhere to burrush, cattail and pickerelweed stems where they feed on algae. When these plants become extremely dense, snail kites are unable to penetrate the thick mass to feed.

Burrush, cattail and pickerelweed communities are thinned or purged during lake habitat

enhancement projects, making it comfier for kites to muster a meal on emergent and more widely dispersed marsh vegetation.

During drought conditions, apple snails bury in mud bottoms and estivate (become dormant) until favorable water levels return. At this time, gregarious snail kites simply pack up and move to a more suitable area.

A medium-sized raptor, the semi-nomadic, sight-feeding snail kite ranks among the world's most specialized Falconiformes.

In the United States, it resides only in peninsular Florida on flooded marshes, shallow lakes and along freshwater courses feeding almost exclusively on apple snails.


With populations established in Cuba, and from southern Mexico to northern Argentina, the species was first noted near the Rio de la Plata and the Corrientes District of Argentina in 1817. It wasn't discovered in the Sunshine State until April 1844, in an area of southeast Florida that is now downtown Miami.

In 1989, biologists estimated Florida's snail kite population at between 400 and 500.

"Their numbers will always be up and down," said Mr. Bunt, who, today, reckons the count exceeds 1,000. They received an Endangered Species classification in 1967.

Through evolution, the snail kite developed narrow, down-curved bills and toes adaptable for feeding on snails and little else.

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SUN SPOTS



Belle Glade hosting decorating contest

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce extends an invitation to all the residents and businesses of Belle Glade to participate in their annual Home and Business Decorating Contest. Certificates will be presented in each of three categories: Best Business Decorations; Residential - Religious; and Residential - Most Christmas Spirit.

Those wishing to enter should call the Chamber office at 996-2745 by noon on Dec. 21. The judging will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 22, so remember to have your lights on. "Show your community support by getting into the spirit of the holidays and entering your home or business this year," says Executive Director Danielle Penuel.

Pahokee's Winter Recreation Program

Starting Jan. 4 the City of Pahokee Recreation Department, in collaboration with CYCI (Rev. Patricia Wallace and Nelson Lopez) will be providing a Winter Recreation Program to the greater Pahokee area, including Canal Point and all other unincorporated areas. The goal of this program is to reduce crime and the objective is to improve academic performance and keep kids busy.

Through collaboration, the

following will be provided: Basketball for elementary, middle and high school youth not participating in the same school sport; boxing instruction for 30 youth, which will include boxing competition matches monthly in the recreation center; tutoring and homework assistance for all the youth. The directors of the sporting and activities will require youth in their program to participate in the tutoring and homework assistance program, depending on the needs of the youth.

Registration is ongoing at the Pahokee Gymnasium from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. For further information call Ron Osborne, director at 924-2972.

Fair tickets make great stocking stuffers

Tickets to the South Florida Fair make great stocking stuffers and are available now at the Belle Glade and Pahokee Chambers.

Buying tickets in advance can save money while helping the chambers with their annual fund raiser.

Call either Chamber (996-2745 for Belle Glade or 924-5579 for Pahokee) to order tickets or stop by their offices.

After school program

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church and Planned Parenthood are sponsoring a free after

school program for students 12 to 15 years of age.

The after school program will also include recreation, sports, creative writing, employment and training, health and dental services, tutoring, field trips and counseling.

The program will be held at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 399 Canal Street, Raifordville.

For more information call 993-9001.

A Christmas Carol comes to DHAC

The traditional tale *A Christmas Carol* will be presented Thursday, December 17 at 7:30 a.m. on stage at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade.

The show is sponsored in part by Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. To reserve your tickets call the Dolly Hand box office at 992-6160.

Free transportation

The Division of Senior Services will be providing medical transportation from the Glades area to Royal Palm Beach, Wellington and West Palm Beach for those persons who are 60 and over.

Please call Effie McNair at the Senior Services Center, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or call 561-233-0400.

The final answer may be to use portions of the current hospital and have new additions added to it. This is yet to be determined. During the past 10 years, extensive health care studies have been conducted in the Glades. Each study has identified a need for consolidation of health care services into one hospital with greater medical capabilities that currently exist at Glades General Hospital. I think the vast majority of Glades residents are supportive of expanding the medical services available in their community. Additional expansion of services in the Glades community can have a very favorable economic impact on the area. As a health professional with over 30 years experience in hospitals, if we have a choice of fixing up or building a new hospital, the choice is easy - go for the new hospital."

explain why a new hospital is needed when the money could be used to update and enhance the present structure to superior shape and any surplus funds be funneled into other areas where they are sorely needed. Thank you."

Cecil Bennett with the Palm Beach County Health Care District responds: "If you have used the services at the hospital recently, you would see a good hospital with a dire need for additional space. The hospital was originally designed to support technology that was available in 1965. The growth in new technology and new medical procedures has created a need for new clinical areas and the space is simply not there. A planning process will take place to determine how the current hospital can be used.

SNAIL KITES/FROM PG. 4

In areas of apple snail abundance, these birds are likely to stay put for long periods, sometimes, even for several years. As snail numbers abate, they'll depart for "greener pastures."

In Florida, the snail kite range is restricted by its specialized food requirements. It currently roams about six large freshwater systems, some interconnected and others isolated wetlands. These major half-dozen areas include:

1. The Kissimmee River Valley, including lakes Tohopekaliga, East Lake, Marion, Marian, Cypress, Pierce, Hatchincha, Kissimmee, Arbutuck and Istokopka;

2. The St. Johns Reservoir, including the East Orlando Wilderness Park wetlands, Blue Cypress Marsh, plus Cloud Lake, Strazulla and Indrio impoundments;

3. Lake Okeechobee, north and west from Henry Creek to Ritta Island.

4. The Loxahatchee Slough, including the West Palm Beach Water Catchment Area and borrow pits west of the Florida Turnpike.

5. The Florida Everglades, including Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, Holey Land Wildlife Management Area, south of Alligator Alley, Shark River Valley, Taylor sloughs,

and Everglades National Park. 6. The Big Cypress National Preserve (including Lostman's and Okaloacoochee sloughs), Hinson Marsh, East Loop and the Corn Dance unit.

When feeding, the bird hovers just above the water's surface and extends its feet to grasp apple snails, at, or a few inches, below the water's surface. It never captures snails with its bill, nor does it plunge in the manner of other fish-eating raptors. After picking off a snail, the kite transports its meal to a nearby feeding perch.

Snail kite life span estimates

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vary throughout the world's scientific community, ranging from 5 to 17 years. Mr. Buntz thinks an average adult snail kite in Florida will be from 5 to 8 years of age.

Although little is known about the biology of Florida's apple snails, it is a fact that periodic drying by natural droughts or through lake drawdowns are necessary factors in the maintenance of its habitat. And, where we have a vibrant apple snail population, we have the potential for increased numbers of snail kites.

CRIME STOPPERS



Temekia S. Laidler

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Temekia S. Laidler, who is wanted for on charges of aggravated stalking.

Laidler is 5'7" tall, and weighs 130 pounds. She has black hair and brown eyes and her date of birth is September 20, 1980. She also goes by the

name Tamika Laidler. Her last known address was 345 S.W. 5th Street, Belle Glade. Her Social Security number is 595-03-0967 and her last occupation is unknown. Her warrant was active as of December 7, 1998.

If you know the whereabouts of Temekia S. Laidler, or any one involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

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Sortory donates to ARC...Belle Glade sorority Xi Zeta Mu donated over 2000 personal hygiene items to the clients at the Glades Area Association for Retarded Citizens recently. Shown is Xi Zeta Mu Service Chair Greadle York with GAARC Executive Director Scof Kannel, who presented the organization a plaque for their donation, which they have continued for several years.

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Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department made 14 arrests the week of December 7-13.

Those arrested included:
December 7 - Juan Mata, 26, domestic battery; Oscar Reeves, 34, uttering a forgery, grand theft and possession of cocaine; Eddie Daniels, 33, armed burglary, grand theft and criminal mischief; Vincent Davis, 30, armed burglary, grand theft and criminal mischief; Lanarian Johnson, 18, armed burglary, grand theft and criminal mischief; David Mendoza, 39, larceny of a public utility.

December 8 - Fernando Velacias, 26, aggravated domestic assault and criminal mischief.

December 9 - Juvenile, 16, petty theft; Juvenile, 11, criminal mischief.

December 10 - No arrests.

December 11 - No arrests.

December 12 - Sydney McKelton, 28, strong arm robbery and aggravated battery; David Saxton II, 25, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

December 13 - Kendrick Williams, 22, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of an open alcoholic beverage.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 678 complaints, worked 9 crime scenes and gave 6 traffic citations the week of December 7-13.

Those arrested included:
December 7 - Clarence Williams, 21, failure to appear; Willie Nicholson, 27, domestic

assault.

December 8 - No arrests.

December 9 - Gloria Robinson, 44, failure to appear; Robert Christler, 42, domestic battery; Theresa Richardson, 41, domestic battery; Willie Bush, 22, three counts of grand theft, burglary while armed with a firearm and aggravated assault with a firearm.

December 10 - Lamar Campbell, 29, two counts of failure to appear.

December 11 - Robert Morgan, 35, violation of probation; Wilfred Demezier, 20, violation of probation.

December 12 - Gasper Ambriz, 23, battery; Willie Green, 24, failure to appear; Lorraine Johnson, 32, retail theft; Jerome Shannon, 47, battery; Charlie Simmons, Jr., 20, failure to appear and obstruction by a disguised person; Alexis Penton, 28, battery; Jose Beraza, 24, disorderly intoxication.

December 13 - No arrests.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department had two arrests the week of December 7-13. Those arrested included:

December 6 - No arrests.

December 7 - No arrests.

December 8 - No arrests.

December 9 - No arrests.

December 10 - Juvenile, 13, battery and resisting arrest with violence.

December 11 - No arrests.

December 12 - Pascual R. Martinez, 38, driving while under the influence.



Congratulations, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Archonettes Jennifer Bolden, Rickeshia Tillman Linquetta Jolly and Melissa Mata on your induction in the National Honor Society at Glades Central High School.

Students shine

Eleventh graders in Palm Beach County beat last year's passing rate and outperformed state averages on a test required for graduation.

The High School Competency Test (HSCT) assesses performance skills in both communications and mathematics. It is a key indicator of student achievement. Passing it is a prerequisite for a regular high school diploma in Florida.

Of the 5,476 district students who took the test for the first time in October, 85 percent passed the communication portion-up from 78 percent a year ago and ahead of this year's state average of 81 percent.

Eighty percent passed the math portion - up from 78 percent a year ago and ahead of this year's state average of 77 percent.

The passing rates on both portions have been on an upward trend in the district since 1996.

Statewide, they are up from a year ago by three percentage points in communication and two percentage points in math.

"Improving results in Palm Beach County is a testimony to both the hard work of our students and the district's commitment to focus our energy and resources on reading, writing and math," said Superintendent Joan Kowal.

The district has been working to align curriculum with standards the state has set in core academic areas that students must master in order to succeed.

Kowal explained, "Improving student achievement is our top priority. Results such as these show that a focused approach can help us get the job done."

The HSCT is a multiple-choice test that assesses communication and math skills that should be mastered by the end of tenth grade.

Students who fail one or both portions of the test the first time have additional opportunities to re-take it before completing high school.

Help for college students

A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000!

Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined.

A small example of the

numerous scholarships available to students include: Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much more.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied towards tuition, living expenses and/or other fees.

Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, four year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

For more information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed, stamped, business size, #10 envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholarships Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

GOVE
ELEMENTARY

Cat Talk



Congratulations to Mrs. Sandy Mann and Mrs. Gayle Zavala; for being nominated for the William T. Dwyer Award.

The purpose of the Dwyer Awards program is to honor outstanding educators from public and private schools in Palm Beach County, to increase awareness of the quality educators teaching in our community and to encourage all residents to promote and support high standards of excellence in public education. Our best wishes go out to our representatives.

Human Rights Day
On Dec. 10, Gove Elementary students celebrated Human Rights Day.

The day was celebrated by having classroom discussions, readings of the plain version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and selecting students to receive Certificates of Appreciation.

On that day, Gove Elementary hoped to demonstrate that young people are indeed concerned about their world. Students were made aware of the idea of rights and their relevance everywhere in the world and that children can make a difference.

Cross Country Track Team

Congratulations go out to the following students that qualified for the Gove Cross Country Track Team:

Boys: Jamie Wallace, Clarence Anthony, Bobby Perez, Jesus Aleman, James Towell and Jose Casas.

Girls: Runterra Eason, Ranetta Burden, Renee Edwards, Josie Almanzan and Angelis Ramos.

These students represent the top five percent of the school as the fastest runner.

Mardi Gras Party
The Fitness Club is planning a Mardi Gras party for

the class that reaches New Orleans first. They will be honored as host of the parade.

Thank You
Mrs. Norris would like to thank her Art Club for doing a terrific job in decorating Gove Elementary's Christmas tree outside of the Chamber of Commerce Building. The school is asking everyone to stop by and have a look at the tree.

Spaghetti Dinner
Gove Elementary PTO is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on Thursday, Dec. 17 between 5 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the Family Center. Take out orders are available.

Magnet Apps Available
If you have a child entering kindergarten in the fall and are interested in him or her attending Gove Elementary School as a Magnet student you may call the school at 993-1922.

A tour of the school will be provided and applications are available. Gove Elementary is an International Studies Magnet that specializes in dual language. The goal of the school is to create an environment that promotes equality and positive cross cultural attitudes while students become bilingual and biliterate.

The Magnet "Open House" will be held on Jan. 21 from 9 until 11 a.m.

Once on a Housetop
The Music Club will be performing the play "Once on a Housetop." It centers around sweepers cleaning chimneys while learning about the different celebrations of the holiday season.

The play will be open to the public on Thursday, Dec. 27 at 6 p.m. at Gove Elementary School.

Happy Holidays to everyone! See you in January!



By Donna Bixon and Jake Davis

Glades Day School starts its Christmas Break tomorrow, Dec. 18, with a half day of school. Classes will be dismissed at 12 p.m. so faculty and students can get an early start on the holidays. School will resume on Monday, Jan. 4, so take advantage of your days off!

Class Rings
Sophomores may start thinking about class rings because Herff Jones will be coming on Tuesday, Jan. 5 to show their ring styles to the Class of 2001. They will return on Friday, Jan. 8, to take orders. Be sure and save your money sophomores, because a deposit will be due. Also, any juniors or seniors who may have a problem with a ring they purchased from Herff Jones, may bring it in and talk to them on either of those days.

Football Awards
Football players and their parents may want to mark Jan. 11 on their calendars. That is when the football awards program is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Tripp Hall. Athletes on the junior high, JV and varsity football teams and cheerleading squads will be recognized.

Congratulations Girls!
We congratulate the varsity girls' basketball team for their third place finish in Labelle High School's Holiday tournament last weekend!

Freshman Carmen Paez was selected to the All Star Tournament team. Way to go, girls!

You can catch the Jr. High, JV and varsity girls in action at home tomorrow (12/19) beginning with the younger girls' game at 11 a.m. JV plays at 12:30 p.m. and Varsity at 2 p.m.

Congratulations Boys
Congratulations are also in order for the varsity basketball boys, who defeated Ft. Lauderdale University and Hollywood Christian last weekend for their first two victories. They will be playing in a tournament at Lake Worth Christian School Dec. 21 and Dec. 22.

Big Success
The annual elementary Christmas program was a great success this year due to the dedication and hard work of choral director Mrs. Lynn Pernezy, Mr. Joe Guethle and the entire elementary faculty and students.

On behalf of the elementary, Principal Mrs. Karen McDermott would like to thank everyone who helped with this year's program.

Happy Holidays!
See you in January!

Registration Begins at Bethune-Cookman

The Continuing Education program at Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach provides educational services to the non-traditional matriculating student.

The program extends the resources of the college to a wide range of individuals, special interest groups and targeted audiences not otherwise served by on-going programs.

It is designed to satisfy the non-credit, credit and degree needs of individuals through its offerings of undergraduate courses and programs.

The Continuing Education Program serves the needs of residents at sites throughout the State of Florida. Courses are offered in selected disciplines such as business administration, criminal justice, sociology and elementary education.

Dr. Roberto Barragan is the director of Continuing Education. Edward Singleton is the assistant director of the program.

Bethune-Cookman College is a private, historically black institution affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

There are six degree-granting divisions offering 39 majors. The College has a diverse student population of more than 2,500 and a solid reputation for academic excellence.

As evidence of its outstanding program, the College is listed in the Templeton Honor Roll of Character Building Colleges and Universities.

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Public Safety Officer

The City of South Bay has an immediate opening for the position of **Public Safety Officer**. Applicant must possess both a Florida State Firefighter, and Florida Police certification.

Benefits per City personnel policy. Starting salary \$25k.

Applications forms available at the City of South Bay Public Safety Department, 335 S.W. 2nd Avenue, South Bay, Florida. Deadline to return completed application is December 28, 1998.

EOE

SPORTS THIS WEEK

Raiders head to State playoffs!

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

An excited Raider team will head to Gainesville on Thursday to play the Madison County Cowboys in the state playoffs following their 40-29 victory over Miami-Pace last Friday night.

Coach Milton Watson said nobody thought the Raiders could make it all the way to the state playoffs, but his team has proved them wrong.

Miami-Pace took an early lead in last week's game, after Glades Central made a fumble in the first play of the game. Pace went out in front with a 7-0 early lead.

Quarterback Jerry Campbell

made a 34-yard pass to receiver Antonio Thomas with just over three minutes remaining in the first quarter and got the two-point conversion to put the Raiders just three points behind the Miami-Pace.

The Raiders were still trailing at halftime, but rebounded in the fourth quarter and took possession of the game when defensive end Dwight Jackson made a touchdown with just seconds remaining on the scoreboard.

Many Glades residents will be traveling to the game on Friday and some will be leaving early to attend Pahokee's state championship game on Thursday.



From the Muck to the Swamp, Raiders go to Gainesville for State.(4A) Championship game.



Annihilate in G-Ville!



From the Muck to the Swamp, Blue Devils go to Gainesville for State (4A) Championship game.



Pahokee heads to Gainesville!

By Robbie Everett

The road to Gainesville from Pahokee got it's last strip of pavement last Friday evening as the Blue Devils gained a record 563 offensive yards.

The game was a battle of defenses during the first half, ending with Pahokee leading 8-7.

As the players returned to the field for the second half, one coach exclaimed, "We played their game the first half, now it's time to play our game." No sooner said than

done.

Anquan Boldin went to work setting up his second touchdown on the evening for a 14-7 lead. Boldin would pass for three more touchdowns on the evening; a 35-yard pass to Jacoby Alexander and a 44-yard pass to Joe Jenkins. A 2-yard TD run by Boldin and a 1-yard TD run by Desmond Ricketts with a two point conversion by Jawarski. Kendrick Mosley caught three passes for 98 yards.

Bowie would account for 32

points scored during the second half of the game.

Boldin, Palm Beach County's Athlete of the Year, ended his high school career in grand fashion at home with an outstanding performance of 353 yards passing and 150 yards rushing. His dream of bringing the state title home this week will take place in the swamp of Gainesville tonight at 7:30 p.m.

If you don't make it to Gainesville, you can catch the game on delayed showing

scheduled to run on the Florida Sunshine Network.

We look forward to all the Glades area support as the Blue Devils and the Raiders go for the gold.

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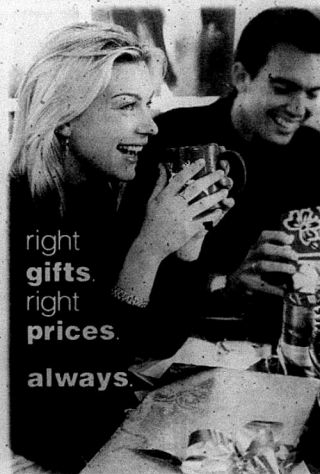
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Belle Glade businessman and longtime Clewiston resident Warren Lorenzo Howell Dies

Longtime Clewiston resident Warren Lorenzo Howell died Saturday at the age of 70.

He and his family had lived in Clewiston for 51 years. Mr. Howell was born in Jacksonville in 1928 and was the son of James Floyd Howell and Pauline Susan Howell (Rowe).

He was the Past Exalted Ruler of the Clewiston Elks Lodge Post 1853, Past

President of the Clewiston Country Club, Past Chairman of the Hendry County American Cancer Society, Past Chairman of Hendry Mental Health Association, Past President of Clewiston Gold Club and Junior Warrent of St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

Howell owns Howell Oil Company in Belle Glade.

He is survived by his wife Christine Espaula; two sons, Greg W. Howell and Keith Howell, both of Clewiston. He has seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 16 at St. Martin's Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. with officiating clergy Father Jack Tucker.

Arrangements were made by Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston.

Fall Social

One of the Fall Socials of Laureate Gamma Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi was hosted by Francis and Gene Cross in Rocky Point in Stuart.

The group enjoyed shrimp cocktails at their home followed by a tour of downtown Stuart on Osceola Street.

Dinner was held at David's in the Courtyard, which is housed in the original Arcade building on main street in downtown Stuart.

The partying members then attended a hilarious comedy, *Come Blow Your Horn* written by Neil Simon and performed at the Bait Theatre.

The theatre is Martin county's only volunteer non-profit community theatre. All personnel and actors are volunteers. It made its first presentation in 1971 as a theatre.

Those enjoying the social were: Frank and Virginia Anderson, Cal and Jeannette Cearley, Vernon and Jeannette Dexter, Don and Janis Fiehs, Eddie Kirchman, Echo Painter, chapter host Melvin and Eva Spooner and the hosts.

Brain Bowl Team

The Glades Central Black History Brain Bowl Team competed and won the Regional Black History Brain Bowl Competition Dec. 12 in Rivera Beach.

Glades Central's team played the Omega Questions in a best two out of three tournament. The first game ended in a 15-9 victory and they went on to win the second game 17-9 to become regional champions. Team members have practiced since August.

They will now advance to the State Black History Brain Bowl Competition in Tampa on March 19 and 20. Team members are Captain Jennifer Bolden, Co-Captain Brian Mincey, Neoshia Woodson, Ebony Bruton, Rashied Bird and Bernard Merisier. They are coached by Anne Haskell.



Mrs. O'Neal Walker (Ester) and her sister Bebe Green are attending a Charity Ball in Palm Springs, California. Mrs. Green was presented the prestigious Jane Wyman Humanitarian Award along with Bob Hope.

Irene H. Rodgers

Irene H. Rodgers, 79, died Nov. 18 in Sebring.

She was a missionary with Baptist Mid-Missions in Venezuela for 20 years before moving to Belle Glade in 1961 where she and her husband worked with the Spanish speaking migrants.

In 1971 she moved to Peru

and then retired to Sebring in 1981. She is survived by her husband Rev. Robert Rodgers;

two daughters, Carol Collins and Esther Tynik; two sons, Lee Rodgers and David Rodgers; two brothers, Earl Gleason and Paul Gleason; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Anthony A. Jones out to Sea

Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Anthony A. Jones, son of Arthur L. Jones of Belle Glade recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the fast combat support ship USS Rainier, home ported in Bremerton, Wash.

Jones of one more than 11,000 Pacific Fleet Sailors

and Marines departing their homes and bases aboard the ships of the USS Carl Vinson Battle Group. Jones' ships main mission is to support the fleet through underway replenishment. The ship transports bulk petroleum products from shore depots directly to other auxiliary ships or combat forces underway. Jones' ship is capable of carrying more than 150,000 barrels of fuel.

Jose Manuel Sepulveda

Jose Manuel Sepulveda, age 64 of Belle Glade died Tuesday, Dec. 1 in Belle Glade. Mr. Sepulveda had just retired from Sugar Cane Growers Co-op after 27 years as a truck driver.

Mr. Sepulveda is survived by his sons, Steve McBride,

Louis Sepulveda, Ronald McBride of Canal Point, daughter Donna Maria Priest of Belle Glade, brothers Jose Antonio Sepulveda of Puerto Rico, Jacob Sepulveda of Vancouver, Washington, Bautista Sepulveda, of Portland, Oregon

and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Dec. 4 at the Belle Glade Church of God at 10 a.m. Interment followed at Port Mayaca Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Glades Funeral Chapel.

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Ester Walker Returns from Charity Ball in California

Mrs. O'Neal Walker (Ester) of South Bay, has just returned this week, along with her four sisters, from Palm Springs, California where they attended a charity ball for the Arthritis Foundation.

Mrs. Walker was in California for an awards ceremony to honor her youngest sister Bebe Green, who was awarded the prestigious Jane Wyman Humanitarian Award.

The Arthritis Foundation is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and what better way to reflect on the past than to honor three people who have placed significant roles in its golden history.

That is what the Coachella Valley branch of the Southern California Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation did, during its third annual JaneWyman Humanitarian Award Dinner held at the Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage.

The honorees were Bob Hope, board member and former branch executive director Bebe Green and in a surprise presentation, Jane Wyman, were honored at the black tie optional dinner.

Mr. Hope 95, created the "Hope Chest" national fund raising campaign when he joined Mrs. Wyman in an early Arthritis Telethon in the 60s. His effort helped establish the Southern California Chapter.

Mrs. Green, a Rancho Mirage resident, joined the Arthritis Foundation in 1984 at the request of her doctor, past Jane Wyman honoree Dr. Joel Hirschberg.

She launched such programs as the Phil Harris-Alice Faye Celebrity Golf Classic, the Arthritis Awareness Lecture Series and the local Arthritis Telethon. She also recruited another Wyman honoree, Gordon Hawkins, into her extended family of foundation members.

Mrs. Green had about 30 family members in town including Mrs. Walker, who is one of five sisters from Florida who attended the ball.

The family enjoyed a week long vacation at the Bing Crosby estate and were introduced to some of the former actors and actresses who make their home in the desert.

Also attending were Mrs. Melvin Reid (Madeline), Mrs. Dick Bam, (Inez), Mrs. Don Hankins, (Vi) and Mrs. Jack Littlefield (Bea), who accompanied Mrs. Walker.

They were met there by their brother Don Haven and his son David from Houston, Tx. and Gary Walker of Atlanta.

NASCAR

This Week

All Times Eastern

- **Movie: Vanishing Point**
6:15 a.m. • Saturday • MAX
- **Winston Cup, Las Vegas** 4:00 (T)
10:30 p.m. • Dec. 24 • ESPN2
- **Winston Cup, Diehard** 4:00 (T)
10 a.m. • Dec. 25 • ESPN2

POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Gordon, 5,328	1. D. Earnhardt Jr., 4,469	1. Ron Hornaday Jr., 4,072
2. Mark Martin, 4,064	2. Matt Kenseth, 4,421	2. Jack Sprague, 4,069
3. Dale Jarrett, 4,511	3. M. McLaughlin, 4,045	3. Joe Ruttman, 3,874
4. Rusty Wallace, 4,509	4. Randy LaJoie, 3,543	4. Jay Sauter, 3,872
5. Jeff Burton, 4,415	5. Elton Sawyer, 3,533	5. Tony Ruesch, 3,596
6. Bobby Labonte, 4,180	6. Phil Parsons, 3,525	6. Jimmy Hensley, 3,570
7. Jeremy Mayfield, 4,157	7. Tim Fiedlow, 3,515	7. Stacy Compton, 3,542
8. Dale Earnhardt, 3,928	8. Elliott Sadler, 3,470	8. Greg Biffle, 3,276
9. Terry Labonte, 3,901	9. Buckshot Jones, 3,453	9. Ron Barfield, 3,227
10. Bobby Hamilton, 3,786	10. Hermie Sadler, 3,340	10. Mike Bliss, 3,216

TOP TEN

Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

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| 1. Jeff Gordon (1)
Will run some BGN races in '99 | 6. Bobby Labonte (5)
Grandest of the Prix |
| 2. Mark Martin (2)
Still years for a title | 7. Jeremy Mayfield (10)
Proved a lot in '98 |
| 3. Dale Jarrett (3)
Established among the best | 8. Dale Earnhardt (8)
A lion in winter |
| 4. Rusty Wallace (4)
Wants to hike victory total | 9. Terry Labonte (9)
Ready to rumble again |
| 5. Jeff Burton (5)
Has his act together | 10. Bobby Hamilton (10)
Has to be more consistent |

1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
Feb. 7	Daytona International Speedway*	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 14	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 21	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
March 7	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	Las Vegas, Nev.
March 14	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hamilton, Ga.
March 21	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
March 28	Texas Motor Speedway	Fort Worth, Texas
April 11	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
April 18	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
April 25	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
May 2	California Speedway	Fontana, Calif.
May 15	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
May 22	Charlotte Motor Speedway*	Concord, N.C.
May 30	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
June 6	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
June 13	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
June 20	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
June 27	Sears Point Raceway	Sonoma, Calif.
July 3	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 11	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 25	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 7	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 15	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 28	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 5	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 11	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 18	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 26	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
Oct. 3	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 10	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
Oct. 17	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 24	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
Nov. 7	Phoenix International Raceway	Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 14	Miami-Dade Homestead-Motorsports Complex	Homestead, Fla.
Nov. 21	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, Ga.

*All-star event

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Speedway Motorsports Inc. vs. International Speedway Corp.

SMI, headed by Bruton Smith, and ISC, headed by Jim France, are the country's largest builders and acquirers of motorsports venues, and they seem to be playing a game of chess for control of the Winston Cup map.

SMI made a bold move last week, buying Las Vegas Motor Speedway for \$215 million.

NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "With Smith stealing Las Vegas right out from under the Frances' nose, you can bet they're scheming of a countermove in Daytona Beach, where ISC is headquartered along with NASCAR."

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

The rich history of NASCAR At Watkins Glen, in August 1997, 13 brothers competed in the same race. No, not from the same family. They were Geoff, Brett and Todd Bodine; Ward and Jeff Burton; David and Jeb Green; Terry and Bobby Labonte; Kenny and Rusty Wallace; and Darrell and Michael Waltrip. The phenomenon happened twice more in 1997, and twice in 1998, at Darlington and Martinsville.

Speedway Motorsports Inc. makes \$215 million deal

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week
Speedway Motorsports Inc. has purchased Las Vegas Motor Speedway and nearby real estate in a cash transaction valued at \$215 million.
CEO Bruton Smith said his company will spend \$150 million for the speedway and another \$65 million for 1.4 million square feet of warehouse space and 500 acres of nearby real estate.
Smith said the company plans to sell off the real estate holdings within the next year, calling the acquisition "a huge strategic transaction."
"It helps Speedway Motor-

sports achieve a critical mass that will enhance our overall broadcast leverage, sponsorship leverage and our operating leverage," said Smith.
Smith's publicly owned corporation already owned Charlotte Motor Speedway, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Bristol Motor Speedway, Sears Point Raceway and Texas Motor Speedway. The Las Vegas property includes a 1.5-mile superspeedway, drag strip, half-mile dirt track and an office complex and warehouse. The property covers about 1,300 acres.
Las Vegas Motor Speedway's first Winston Cup race was held in March and won by Mark

Martin. The event drew an estimated 135,000 fans. The D-shaped track sits approximately 107,000, according to the announcement of the sale.
Since the track opened in September 1996, it has hosted an annual Indy Racing League event, the NASCAR Busch Grand National division, Craftsman Truck Series and Winston West Series, among other events. The World of Outlaws has held sprint-car events on the nearby dirt track.
BAHARI HIRING: The new crew chief of Chuck Ryder's No. 30 Pontiac is 39-year-old Dan Glauz, who previously worked

with Winston Cup drivers Mike Skinner, Ward Burton and Rick Mast as a chassis specialist.
Glauz spent the 1998 season in the Busch Grand National ranks, serving as crew chief for Mark Krogh and Bobby Hill at various times.
"My name may not be familiar with race fans, but I really feel like (with) my chassis ability and the people we have here at Bahari Racing, we should do well," said Glauz. "The equipment Chuck (Ryder) has for us is second to none. Chuck wanted somebody new, young and hungry. He's giving me a chance to prove myself."

RACING ON THE WEB

The Official Geoff Bodine Fan Club
www.geoffbodinefanclub.com

Features: Nice holiday greetings, holiday cards, complete with the driver's autograph. Well designed, with sections on fan-club benefits, news releases, guestbook and directions for sending e-mail. Other driver sites could borrow much from this site.

Weak point: Could use some photographs.

THE WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

Dickering for the 'Skins

Ex-Washington Redskins coach and current Winston Cup team owner Joe Gibbs may soon own a piece of the team he took to three Super Bowl victories.
Gibbs has joined Phoenix businessman Sam Grossman in a \$600 million bid for the team he coached for 12 years. If the attempt succeeds — it would be the largest price ever paid for a professional sports team in the United States — Gibbs has agreed to take an active role in the team's management.

In a prepared statement, Gibbs stated his potential involvement with the NFL team wouldn't affect his motorsports interests.
RETHINKING THE TV DEALS: Brian France, senior vice president of

NASCAR, is working on a possible consolidation of the sport's widespread television contracts.

Individual track owners currently sell TV rights for their races. As a result, races currently appear on five broadcast and cable networks. A sixth, NBC, will join CBS, ABC, ESPN, TNN and TBS next year.

France, the son of NASCAR president Bill France Jr., expressed the view that a single seller of television rights could lead to higher rights fees.

Analysts estimate that the current rights fees range from about \$500,000 for a cable telecast to \$12.5 million for the Daytona 500.

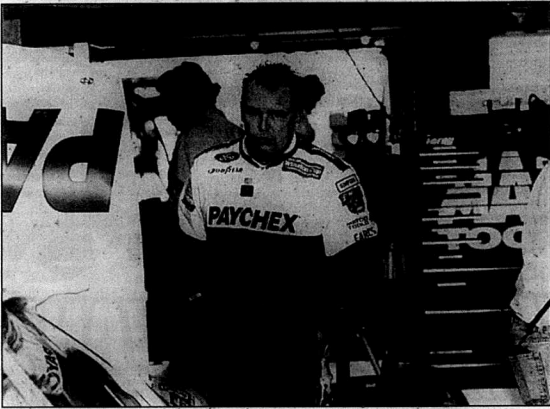
STOCKS FOR TOTS

The annual Mooreville, N.C., memorabilia auction will be held on Thursday, Dec. 17. Among the items for sale are two racing helmets, one signed by all Winston Cup drivers and the other by Busch drivers.

From 6 to 10 p.m., fans will be able to wander through Lakeside Industrial Park, off Exit 36 on Interstate 77, getting free autographs from drivers and other motorsports personalities. The park includes the N.C. Racing Hall of Fame as well as a number of motorsports shops.
For more information, call (704)

PROFILE

Brett Bodine



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Brett Bodine says his favorite track is Charlotte Motor Speedway.

By Monte Dutton

NASCAR This Week
Brett Bodine has struggled since starting his own team in 1996.

Bodine purchased his team from Junior Johnson, for whom he had driven, late in 1995. He has yet to finish in the top 20 in the Winston Cup point standings in three seasons as a driver/car owner.

Bodine, the middle of three Bodine brothers, joined the Winston Cup Series in 1988. While driving for, drag racer Kenny Bernstein, he won the April 22, 1990, race at North Wilkesboro. Another of Bodine's career highlights was a second-place finish in the inaugural Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis in 1994.

While competing in the Busch Grand National ranks, Bodine finished

second in the 1986 point race to Larry Pearson.

HOMETOWN: Born in Elmira, N.Y., raised in Chemung, N.Y., lives in Davidson, N.C.

AGE: 39

WIFE: Diane

CHILD: Heidi (11)

CAR: No. 11-Paychex Ford Taurus, owned by Bodine.

RECORD: 345 starts, 5 poles, 1 win, 16 top-five finishes, 59 top 10s, nearly \$7.5 million in career earnings.

FIRSTS: Start (May 25, 1986, at Charlotte), pole (Oct. 4, 1990, at Charlotte), win (April 22, 1990, at North Wilkesboro).

DO YOU THINK YOU'RE MAKING PROGRESS AS A DRIVER/CAR OWNER?

"Yes. It's been a long, slow process, but we seem to be headed in the right

direction. We've been in the top-20 team. Now we need to become a top-15 team on a regular basis. Hopefully, that will include a couple of top 10s. If we can start finishing in the top 15 on a regular basis (in 1999), we can have a successful season."

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TRACK?

"While I've never won at Charlotte Motor Speedway, I've always run well there. I've had a lot of close calls (as far as getting to victory lane). It is a great track to race on. If you're better than the next guy, you've got room to go around him. And it was the first superspeedway I ever ran when I came down here, and I just seem to adapt to it real well. Plus, it represents the sport really well. It is just a great facility."

YOUR TURN

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I have been watching races for a long time, and there is one thing that is giving me trouble.

Why can't the stock cars have an air jack built into them, but the rules are not devised just for ease and convenience?

NASCAR considers the way it holds pit stops, with crewmen sprinting around the car and operating in cooperation with one another, to have a certain entertainment value that would be lessened by more high-tech procedures.

It's the same reason they empty gas cans instead of using the hydraulic hoses that would fuel a car in seconds.

Frank H. Mikulec
Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Dear Frank,

The cars could easily have an air jack built into them, but the rules are not devised just for ease and convenience.

NASCAR considers the way it holds pit stops, with crewmen sprinting around the car and operating in cooperation with one another, to have a certain entertainment value that would be lessened by more high-tech procedures.

It's the same reason they empty gas cans instead of using the hydraulic hoses that would fuel a car in seconds.

If you've got a question or a comment, write NASCAR This Week Your Turn, c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2500 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054

CREW OF THE WEEK

■ Busch Grand National driver Joe Bessey has put together a team, with Jim Long as crew chief, to keep Geoff Bodine on the Winston Cup track. The Power Team, Philadelphia Electric Co.'s wholesale marketing arm, will provide the sponsorship for the No. 60 Chevrolet.

Fan Tips

Santa's Workshop is Darlington Raceway's annual ode to the Christmas season. Jim Hunter, the speedway president and a believer in old-fashioned Christmas celebrations, turns the old track into a special place for the kids of the South Carolina Pee Dee region.

AROUND THE GARAGE

TRIVIA

- Who is the most famous current driver never to win the Daytona 500?
- Who did Harry Gant say was the toughest driver he ever faced?
- What second-generation driver is a two-time Busch Grand National champion?

3. Larry Pearson
2. Tim Burch
1. Mark Martin
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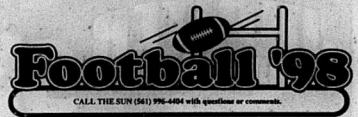
Standings:

	W	L	T	WEEK
Big "A" Vercen	5-5			101-35
Clay Connell	4-6			98-38
Donny Moss	4-6			101-35
Mike Burkett	6-4			102-34
Vera Robinson	6-4			102-34
Wendy Cotton	6-4			98-38
Rick Gold	5-5			98-38
Penny Lester	5-5			99-37
Billy Rimes	4-6			98-38
Woodie Salvatore	6-4			109-27
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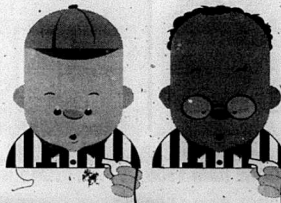
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Going in circles...Members of the Sheriff's Department's motorcycle brigade led Saturday's parade.



Christmas greetings from Belle Glade's Fire Rescue and Lt. Donald Hamilton.



Captain Gary Frechette waves to the crowd as drive.



And the winner is...This float, sponsored by First Community Bank of Palm Beach County, won first place in the float category during Saturday's Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade.



Shown above is the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Deputy of the Year for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Dt. Phillip Dimola.



Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Newman and his wife were participants in Saturday's Christmas parade.



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